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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN REQUEST DEA-ANKARA ASSISTANCE

REF ANKARA 9298 AND PREVIOUS

1. ANA DIRGEN FARAG INFORMS US THAT OBJECTIVE OF OPERATION MENTINED REFTELS IS SEIZURE OF 30 KILOS OF OPIUM AND ARREST OF "IMPORTANT EGYPTIAN TRAFFICKERS". CASE ARISES FROM INFO PASSED BY ANA INFORMANT WHO SAYS TRAFFICKERS BECOMING IMPATIENT AT FAILURE OF ANA OPERATIVES TO PRODUCE DIPLOMAT OSTENSIBLY STATIONED IN DAMASCUS WHO WOULD BE COURIER FOR NARCOTICS. EGYPTIAN'S DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT WHO IS INVOLVED AT SYRIAN END OF OPERATION AND WILL NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF EGYPTIAN TRAFFICKERS, NOW ACTING THROUGH MIDDLEMAN, UNTIL "DIPLOMAT" PRESENT FOR JOB. ANA RECOGNIZES ANKARA SA MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE NOW BUT WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING INDICATION OF POSSIBLE TIMING OF HIS AVAILABILITY IN ORDER TO STALL TRAFFICKERS.

2. FOR ANKARA INFO. ANA ALSO REPORTS THERE IS INDICATION THAT LARGE QUANTITY OF HASH OIL, OF PROBABLY LEBANESE ORIGIN, WILL SOON BE SHIPPED FROM CYPRUS TO CANADA. ANA PLANS TAKE NO DIRECT ACTION IN CASE, BUT WILL FURNISH DEA FURTHER DETAILS IF AND WHEN AVAILABLE.

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